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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 389
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Jeff Morris and the 1999 Milan High School football team on winning their second straight state championship.

WHEREAS, to win a state high school football title, a team must work hard, successfully weather setbacks, utilize extraordinary skill and fierce determination and play vigorously. To win two straight state championships is very rare; and

WHEREAS, the great 1999 Milan High School football team won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 3-A State Championship Title; and

WHEREAS, this was the first time in the long and storied history of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association that a school has won the Class 2-A State Title, moved to Class 3-A and won back-to-back championships; and

WHEREAS, Milan compiled a perfect regular season record, beating Henry County 35-13, Southside 46-12, Humboldt 27-6, McNairy 28-0, Oakhaven 38-0, Bolivar 26-0, Huntington 32-0, Chester County 49-6, Dyer County 39-0, and Crockett County 28-0. The tough Bulldogs won the Region 6-3A title; and

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WHEREAS, in the playoffs, Milan defeated Montgomery Central 59-6, Crockett County 45-7, Southside 29-8, and Covington 28-6 to earn a coveted spot in the Clinic Bowl state championship game against highly regarded Portland; and

WHEREAS, the championship game became a classic struggle between two powerful, undefeated teams; and

WHEREAS, with unrelenting determination, the Bulldogs beat Portland 21-14, holding off a crucial last second drive; and

WHEREAS, Milan finished this memorable season with a perfect 15-0 mark, a school record for most victories; and

WHEREAS, in 60 quarters of play the Bulldogs never trailed in a game this season; and

WHEREAS, Milan's tight defense allowed only 80 points this season, averaging just 5.3 points per game; and

WHEREAS, Matt Sims, their fine quarterback, threw for a season high of 178 yards and Doc Roberson, who scored two touchdowns, ran for a game high of 125 yards, blocked a pass to end the game, and received the coveted 1999 Clinic Bowl Most Valuable Defensive Player and Taco Bell Player of the Game honors; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jeff Morris, who has a sparkling 41-11 overall mark in four seasons, is most appreciative of his excellent coaching staff, including Assistant Coaches Tim Jackson, Paul Acuff, Todd Holden, Todd Greene, Preston Caldwell, and Eddie Coleman as well as the constant support of the student body, the faculty, the staff, and principal Tim Warren; and

WHEREAS, the members of this tremendously talented team were seniors, Nick Dunlap, Matt McAdoo, Matt Sims, Torey Perry, Trent Britt, Lee Alexander, Doc Roberson, Lawerance Norman, Cory Moore, Josh Arnold, Justin Flake, McLean Collins, Tommy Wright, Gary Armstrong, Brandon Reynolds, Brandon Browning, Brian Johnson, Robert Treadway, Brian Graf, and Jason Alexander; juniors, Claude Walker, Willie Mobley, Derek Brown, Phillip Taylor, Adam Lineberry, Jon Hudspeth, Joe Hassell, Quentin Hodge, Hunter Shelby, Patrick Bratcher,

Luis Ramos, Travis Lowery, Matt Browning, Tim Bogue, Adam Wright, Brad Ballard, Ricky Rushing, Brian Beasley, Jesse Dunphy, and Justin McNabb; and sophomores, Brad Langley, Jeff Wadding, John Lickliter, Brian Wheeler, Sky Rauchle, Dexter Crayton, Mark Hazelwood, Nathan Fuchs, James Mills, Clay McCoy, and Matt Hensley, each of whom has played an important role in the success of the team; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working managers were: Julie Maness, Tarra Pafford, John Arnold, Jake Mallard, Robert Hatcher, Peter Minges, Ashley McCartney, Jimmy Mullins, and Jay Arnold; and

WHEREAS, under the able guidance of Sponsor Cindy Tatum, the enthusiastic cheerleaders engineered a tremendous school spirit of epic proportions. The cheerleaders were: Amber Treadwell, Casey Minton, Robyn Hickerson, Ginger Ellington, Juliann Gallemore, Emily Neuman, Candy Cannon, Natosha Walker, Joanna Gordon, Alicia Springer, and Dana Oakley; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to honor and congratulate Coach Jeff Morris and the 1999 Milan High School Football State Championship team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 3-A state title; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Jeff Morris and the 1999 Milan High School football team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.